

MEETING MINUTES

PROJECT: Fort Worth Floodplain Management Plan
NAME OF MEETING: Planning Committee Meeting #1
RECORDED BY: Scott Hubley, FNI, Katie Hogan, FNI, Ron Rogers, OCG
DATE: 5/18/2015
LOCATION: Hazel Harvey Peace Center for Neighborhoods
DATE SENT: 5/22/2015
ATTENDEES: See Item 2 for Committee
Members and attendees

The following reflects our understanding of the items discussed during the subject meeting. If you do not notify us within five working days, we will assume that you are in agreement with our understanding.

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTER
1.	Clair Davis, Floodplain Administrator for City of Fort Worth (CFW) introduced the City's intention to develop a Floodplain Management Plan (FMP). Clair gave a brief discussion regarding flooding within the City and CFW participation in the NFIP as well as the CRS program. Refer to slides for additional information.	Clair
2.	<p>The committee members were introduced. The members present at the meeting include: Linda Sterne, Clair Davis, Cindy Robinson, Kent Lloyd, Ron Shearer, Jennifer Dyke, Mary Kelleher, Larry Langston, Mikel Wilkins, Bobbie McCurdy, Joel McElhany, Rick Kubes, Eric Fladager, Jim Austin</p> <p>Members part of the committee but unable to attend include: La Wayne Hauser, Libby Willis, Joe Waller, Joe Schneider, Keith Wells</p> <p>Other attendees: Steve Eubanks, Scott Hubley, Katie Hogan, Veronica Carneal, Greg Simmons, Juan Ortiz, Alex Rivera, Art Basher, Ron Rogers, Mary Hanna</p> <p>Members who were unable to attend were provided the information discussed at the meeting via email and phone.</p>	All
3.	<p>The committee members discussed their experiences with flooding in their communities, businesses, or homes.</p> <p>One member commented that she has lived in the Central Arlington Heights neighborhood and has been subject to severe flood damage in the past. The person had no insurance and was not aware of the need for it. Water got as high as a person's neck and the person was unable to recover due to the economic loss. The member stressed the importance of getting information to the masses about safety issues and flood insurance in the City.</p> <p>Another member discussed their experiences with flooding living within the floodplain. This person experienced loss of property and livestock after development upstream occurred.</p>	Group

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	A third member recalled an event at his store on Berry Street where nearby businesses had flooded, and sand bags had to be placed to prevent damage to the store. The store did not experience flooding directly, but has suffered damage due to water from water pipes.	
4.	Scott Hubley with Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) discussed the purpose and development of the FMP. He went through steps required to obtain CRS credit for the plan and discussed the FMP committee involvement.	Scott
5.	<p>A group discussion was held to develop goals for the FMP and mitigation actions. These goals tie into the City's overall goals as well as the stormwater management goals. Additions to the goals included incorporating regional solutions rather than just localized ones, where feasible.</p> <p>The committee members brought up the following points regarding goals and potential mitigation options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public safety is the primary issue. Flooding potentially not only causes loss of property, but also loss of life. 2. Floodplain development and plans should consider fully developed conditions, not just existing. 3. Structural improvements to reduce flooding and encourage detention solutions. 4. Incorporate existing studies and mitigation actions identified within this plan. 5. Improve public knowledge and participation in the flood insurance program. 6. Use open property for ponds and parks, including mapped floodplain areas. 7. Underground storage and reusing stormwater was also suggested. 8. Drones could be used to identify flood issues after a large storm event. 9. Create a lake on the east side of Fort Worth in the floodplain and floodway areas which would assist with flood control and water supply. 	Scott/Group
6.	A member stressed the importance of making the public aware of what is covered and what is not under homeowners insurance with regards to flooding. Rising waters are considered not covered; however, water damage due to winds or pipes are covered. Separate floodplain insurance is required for rising water issues.	Member
7.	The timeline of the project was discussed as well as future meetings. Public outreach was included as an important part of the project. The committee meetings will be held at the same location in the future for consistency. At least 2 more committee meetings and 2 public meetings will be held.	Scott

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8.	A member recommended using a blog or facebook page to post ideas and comments. The City is currently working on developing a plan to do so.	Member
9.	A member questioned where the runoff leads within the City of Fort Worth. The City responded that the storm drains and infrastructure drains to the Trinity.	Clair
10.	The committee mentioned that the City needs to work as a whole with departments working together to solve issues.	Committee

ACTION ITEMS			
WHAT	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
1. Prepare FMP goals based on committee meeting comments	City/FNI	By next meeting	In progress
2. Develop a hazard assessment profile for flooding in the City of Fort Worth	City/FNI	July	In Progress
3. Hold a Public Meeting to encourage public participation in the plan	City/FNI/OCG	June 1	Scheduled